

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a tape to which a plurality of elements are affixed by means of a glue in a solid state, the method comprising a gluing step, in which elements are glued to a basic tape by means of a glue in a liquid state so as to obtain a glued tape, the method being characterized in that the gluing step is followed by:
 - a winding step, in which the glued tape is wound while the glue is in a state between the liquid state and the solid state, so as to obtain a winded glued tape; and
 - a heating step, in which the winded glue tape is heated, so that the glue reaches the solid state.
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that in the winding step, the glued tape is wound on a reel made of composite material.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 6, characterized in that the reel is made of fiberglass impregnated with epoxy resin.
5. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a smart card, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:
 - a gluing step, in which semiconductor devices are glued to a basic tape by means of a glue in a liquid state so as to obtain a glued tape;

a winding step, in which the glued tape is wound while the glue is in a state between the liquid state and the solid state, so as to obtain a winded glued tape;
a heating step, in which the winded glued tape is heated, so that the blue reaches the solid state;
a cutting step, in which the tape is cut so as to obtain modules; and
an embedding step, in which a module is embedded in a cardbody so as to obtain a smart card.

6. (New) The method according to claim 2, characterized in that the reel has a diameter bigger than 600 mm.